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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN JOSE 1891

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TAGS: PGOV, EFIN, CS

SUBJECT: VESCO CASE: EMBASSY HARASSMENT CHARGES

REF: SAN JOSE 1874 AND 1880

SUMMARY: ALL SAN JOSE NEWSPAPERS MAY 29 CARRIED
VERSIONS OF WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OF NORMAN LEBLANC' S
PRESS CONFERENCE REPORTED REFTEL ALONG WITH EMBASSY
DENIAL OF CHARGES. END SUMMARY.

1. AS EXPECTED THE LEBLANC MAY 27 PRESS CONFERENCE WAS
PUBLISHED IN THE THREE MORNING SAN JOSE NEWSPAPERS. LA
NACION' S PUT ITS OWN STORY TOGETHER ON PAGE 4 UNDER THE
TITLE " LEBLANC CHARGES THE CIA HAS AGENT IN SAN JOSE".
THE ARTICLE MENTIONS THE " MISSING LINK" TO WATERGATE THAT
LEBLANC ALLEGES IS IN HIS AND VESCO' S POSSESSION AND THE
VESCO PROPOSAL TO EXCHANGE THIS INFORMATION WITH SPECIAL
PROSECUTOR ARCHIBALD COX FOR A GUARANTEE HE
WOULD NOT BE HARRASSED. LA NACION
REPEATS THE LEBLANC CHARGES THAT AN AGENT OF THE CIA, " AN OFFICER
IN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY POLITICAL SECTION", IS PERSECUTING
VESCO AND HIS GROUP. THE EMBASSY' S DENIAL OF THE LATTER CHARGE
IS CARRIED ALONGSIDE.

2. EL DIARIO FRONTPAGES PHOTO OF AMBASSADOR AND STORY
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WRITTEN AROUND AMBASSY DENIAL OF LEBLANC CHARGE. ARTICLE
TITLED " CIA IS NOT TORMENTING ROBERT VESCO". AFTERNOON
PAPER LA PRENSA LIBRE YESTERDAY CARRIED STRAIGHT AP
STORY BY BILL NICHOLSON. LA REPUBLICA TODAY ALSO
CARRIED VERBATUM AP STORY ON PAGE 2 WITH COMPLETE
EMBASSY DENIAL ON PAGE 9.

3. MIAMI HERALD STRINGER JOE PHILLIPS, WHO IS CLOSE TO RAUL
ESPINOSA, VESCO PR MAN IN SAN JOSE, SAID HE WAS CERTAIN FROM
LEBLANC RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSTANCE OF " MISSING LINK"
AND CONVERSATION WITH ESPINOSA THAT LEBLANC PRESS CONFERENCE
WAS HELD FOR PURPOSE OF TRANSMITTING MESSAGE TO
SPECIAL PROSECUTOR COX. NO OTHER COMMUNICATION, IN
PHILLIP' S OPINION, HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY VESCO AND
COMPANY. PHILLIPS AFFIRMED THAT LEBLANC WAS QUITE DRUNK
DURING PRESS CONFERENCE.
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